

# What to do with fluorescent light bulbs and tubes?

# **Specialized Disposal**

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and fluorescent tubes require specialized disposal because they contain mercury. When CFLs break, or if they are improperly disposed, mercury is released into the environment. These materials are accepted at the Recycling Center (small quantities only) and Household Hazardous Waste Facility for safe handling and disposal.

## **Packaging and Handling for Disposal**

- CFLs should be packaged in boxes when possible. If exchanging CFLs for LEDs in your home/business, place old bulbs into the new bulb boxes and deliver to the Recycle Center for safe disposal.
- Tubes must be delivered either in boxes or shrink-wrapped. No Tape.
- **Broken tubes are not accepted.** If broken, the mercury has already been released. Broken glass should be discarded with regular garbage. Please visit https://www.epa.gov/cfl/cleaning-broken-cfl#instructions or 307-733-7678 for more information.

## **Location and Schedule for Disposal**

#### **Residents:**

Quantities less than 12 bulbs or tubes may be brought to the Recycle Center during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm). Residents are asked to pay what they can towards the disposal cost of 60¢per bulb/tube.

<u>Quantities greater than 12 bulbs or tubes</u>, please call ahead. Large quantities may require a Household Hazardous Waste appointment. Learn more at www.tetonwyo.org/recycle.

### **Businesses:**

Please call ahead no matter the quantity. Cost is 60¢ per bulb.



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